

7 June 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Visit to Rach Gia PIC

25X1 1. On 29 May I visited the Provincial Interrogation Center in Rach Gia, Kien Giang Province, in company with [redacted] Public Safety Advisor.

2. Mr. Liem, Chief of the PIC showed us around and discussed the operation. Due to overcrowding, architectural plans have been prepared for a new building (8M. X 12M.) to house an additional fifty detainees. This will be built just outside the present compound and will be used for newly-captured VC suspects.

3. Detainees classified as Civil Defendants are processed through the Provincial Security Committee (PSC), which sends a relatively few cases on to CanTho for trial by military court. The PSC initiates detention order on the remainder, provided it does not find them innocent. Detention time is served in the Provincial jail.

4. The Military Field Court in CanTho travels to Rach Gia on an irregular basis, averaging somewhat more than once a year. It hears, inter alia, cases of Civil Defendants.

5. The Collation Branch of the PIC has steel filing cabinets where it maintains cards and files on detainees. A duplicate of the card is distributed to Police Special Branch in Rach Gia.

[redacted]  
Legal Counsel

25X1